

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Rod Berube et al.  
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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: